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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

HSR-6J

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Dear [REDACTED]

As I am sure you are aware, your property is located adjacent to the Himco Dump Superfund Site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) completed an environmental investigation at the Site in 1992. In August, 1992, U.S. EPA distributed a proposed plan and fact sheet and held a public meeting to discuss the findings of the investigation and the proposed remedy. Our records show you attended the meeting.

U.S. EPA has begun designing the selected remedy, the major components of which include a final cover (cap) for the area of contamination (including the **construction debris area immediately to the south of the landfill**), a gas collection system, and a chain link fence to prevent access to and protect the integrity of the cap and gas system. At present, the design process has advanced to the 30% stage, at which we have developed several conceptual ways to implement the remedy.

In reviewing the relationship of possible cap "footprints" and fence alignments to your property boundaries, we have found that the area of contamination known as the Construction Debris Area (CDA) appears to extend onto a portion of your property. In order to complete the remedy as it is presently envisioned, that portion of your property included in the CDA would have to be enclosed within the fence, and access to it would thereafter be restricted.

I have talked about this with the previous Project Manager, and two previous Community Involvement Coordinators. As far as I have been able to determine this is the first time the issue of the remedy's effect on residential properties has surfaced, despite prior community relations efforts and public participation in the remedy selection process.

We are considering several ways to deal with the issue, and would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you personally. At that time we could present a number of options and, based on a general

consensus of the affected residents, move forward to a final design.

I look forward to being able to discuss this with you at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, you may call me at 312/353-6083, or Dave Novak in Regional Public Affairs at 312/886-9840, or our toll-free number at 1-800-621-8431.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Turpin Ballard".

Wm. Turpin Ballard
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Dave Novak, P-19J
Larry Johnson, CS-29A
Tony Likins, IDEM